



Feeling Believed by Responders after Sexual Assault

Submission form

Due by September 15, 2017

This project is collecting, from a wide variety of victim/survivor voices across the country, a sense of what it means for a victim/survivor of sexual assault to be “believed” and “supported” by law enforcement and victim advocacy. While name and contact info is collected below in order to allow for follow-up as needed, sharing this information is voluntary and your responses will remain anonymous. SVJI will combine your responses with others, distribute the findings in an overall report, and include the information in trainings for people who work with victims, to help them do their work better.

Please select the submission option that works best for you:

1. Click on this [link](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/believed) to fill out a web-based version of this form and share your experience. (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/believed>)
2. Include your responses on this form and write/type your experience in the box on the next page. Send your saved document as an email attachment to Jude Foster (jfoster@mncasa.org) by September 15, 2017.
3. Call Jude Foster at 651.288.7450 (direct) and set up a time to share your experience with her over the phone. She is also available to answer any questions.

Your Name: _____

Phone number or email address: _____

State in which the assault occurred: _____

How would you describe the community where the assault occurred? or check one:

Rural Urban Suburban Other: _____

or check the responders that you had the experience of feeling believed and supported by:

Law enforcement/Police Victim Advocacy Other: _____

It is helpful for us to understand how supportive practices impact different communities. It is not required, but if you feel comfortable sharing the ways in which you identify yourself (e.g. sexual orientation, age, racial/ethnic/national origin, gender identity, etc.), please describe here:

1. Share a time you felt believed and supported by law enforcement or a victim advocate.

Questions to get you thinking: What did it look like? Sound like? Feel like? Did the room or location matter in helping you feel supported? What mattered most to you in feeling heard, supported, and believed? How did it influence you?

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2. If you were trying to explain to a friend how you knew a sexual assault advocate or police officer were taking you seriously, what would you tell them?

What factors do you think matter most?

Thank you!

Your response is extremely valuable to the work of improving the practice of people who work with victims of sexual violence. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Jessica Jerney, Evaluation and Research Coordinator at jjerney@mncasa.org.

Do you want to talk to a trained sexual assault advocate in your area?

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